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THE NEWS.

The Public Debt.

The following is the May statement of the public debt:

Six per cent. bonds	$1,212,967,500
Five per cent. bonds	510,279,000
Total coin bonds	1,724,246,500
Lawful money debt	14,675,200
Legal tender notes	4,221,200
Old issue of stamped	382,972,777
Fractional currency	46,000,000
Coin certificates	46,538,694
Total without interest	33,179,500
Total debt	517,844,927
Total interest	2,361,081,027
Cash in treasury, coin	33,364,093
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Special deposit held for redemption of certificates of deposit as provided by law	11,177,703
Total in treasury	56,050,000
Debt, less cash in treasury	149,186,623
Decrease during the month	2,145,268,438
Bonds issued to Pacific Railroad Company, interest payable in lawful money, principal outstanding	4,456,838
Interest accrued, and not yet paid	64,623,512
Interest paid by the United States	24,946,937
Interest paid by transportation of mails, etc.	25,386,231
Interest paid by sinking fund	1,095,456
Interest paid by other countries	17,201,241

The Wisconsin R. R. War.

A new phase in the railroad war is developed. The creditors of the Chicago and North-Western Railway Company have commenced suit in the Circuit Court of the United States, at Madison, to restrain and prevent the state officers and all other persons from enforcing the Potter law. The claimants in the suit are William Frederick Pick, Henry R. Pierson, Moses Taylor, as Farmers' Loan and Trust Co., and the Union Trust Co., against the defendants are the Railroad Company and the State Railroad Commissioners. The case is in the hands of Mr. Carpenter, and the attorney general has determined to resist the granting of the injunction on the ground that the United States court has no jurisdiction to prevent the state authorities from enforcing laws proper to be enacted by the sovereign state in the exercise of its police powers.

Secretary of the Treasury.

The long anticipated change in the head of the Treasury Department has been made by the President, who sent to the Senate on the 1st inst. the name of Gen. Benj. H. Bristow to be Secretary of the Treasury. W. A. Richardson was also nominated at the same time to be Judge of the Court of Claims.

Washington.

The new Secretary of the Treasury, Benj. H. Bristow, took charge of the department on the 4th inst.

Adolph Sutro, who was removed from the Board of Public Works for perjury, is preparing to bring suit against his associates on the board, for preferring the charges against him.

The personal effects of the late Charles Sumner were sold at auction in Washington, on the 3d inst.

Senator Schurz was confined to his room, on the 3d inst., with an attack of malarial fever. His physician insists that he shall do no more work the present session. He has prepared himself to speak on the transportation question, and intends to take part in the debate if possible.

The House Committee on Appropriations have agreed to appropriate $100,000 for a continuation of Hayden's survey and $31,000 for those of Powell.

Prominent Congressmen say that there is no possibility of the civil rights bill passing the House at this session.

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The East.

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House.

A bill was introduced for an amendment of the constitution so as to provide for the election of Senators by the people.——A committee of conference was ordered on the Senate amendments to the banking bill.——The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the Centennial bill, providing that the United States shall not be liable, directly or indirectly, for any expenses attending the exhibition.——The tariff bill was then passed; also the bill relating to savings banks, and in relation to the absence of settlers from lands on account of grasshoppers.——Bills relating to Pacific Railroads, were also passed; when, pending a vote on the reference of the civil rights bill to the judiciary committee, the House adjourned.

Senate.

Tuesday, June 2.—Bills were reported and placed on the calendar as follows: For the better organization of United States courts in Louisiana; reducing the fees of pension agents; and the bill amending the customs and revenue laws.——Morning hour having expired, the Senate resumed consideration of the Indian appropriation bill, and a number of amendments of an unimportant character, submitted by the committee were agreed to. The bill was then passed.——The resolution in regard to cheap transportation was taken up, but before its final disposition, the Senate went into executive session, and thereafter adjourned.

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The bill in relation to courts and judicial officers in Utah was passed by a vote of 150 yeas to 55 nays.——A bill was passed authorizing the discontinuance of work on certain public buildings. Some other business in relation to public buildings was transacted, when the House took a recess till evening.

Senate.

Wednesday, June 3.—The following bills passed: To amend the charter of the Freedmen's Savings and Trust Co.; explanatory of the act in relation to savings banks; the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill, and the pension appropriation bill.——The resolution in relation to cheap transportation was then considered, but without final action, the Senate went into executive session and thereafter adjourned.

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The bill for the termination of the treaty of 1838, between the United States and Belgium, was passed.——Senate amendments to the army appropriation bill were considered, and the bill sent to a conference committee, as was also the bill granting pensions in certain cases.——The conference report on the navy appropriation bill was agreed to.——The bill extending the time for the presentation of war claims was recommitted.——The bill providing for improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi river was considered, but without final action the House took a recess till evening.

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Thursday, June 4.—The bill to remove the political disabilities of Fitzhugh Lee and Van R. Morgan was passed.——The bill providing for the collection of money from the Pacific railroad was referred.——A resolution was placed on the calendar relating to a statue of Admiral Farragut; also a bill disapproving the act of Dakota legislature relating to collection of demands against vessels.——The cheap transportation resolutions were then taken up, pending discussion on which, a committee of conference was appointed on the Senate amendments to the Freedmen's Trust Co. bill.——Adjourned.

House.

The following bills were passed: For the further security of navigation on the Mississippi; for the deepening of the channel at the mouth of the Mississippi; for the establishment of life-saving stations and houses of refuge on sea and lake coasts, and to prevent the introduction of infectious diseases.——Senate amendments to the bill in regard to savings banks, and to the military academy appropriation bill were concurred in.——A joint resolution passed to provide a site for a statue of Gen. Nathaniel Greene; also a resolution relating to the Hot Springs reservation in Arkansas.——Pending debate on the bill for improvement of the Mississippi, the House took a recess till evening.

Senate.

Friday, June 5.—A committee of conference was appointed on the Senate amendments to the army appropriation bill.——The bill for the relief of certain settlers on public lands was reported upon favorably.——A memorial of 2,000 citizens of Illinois for a double track railroad from the Mississippi to the Atlantic ocean was referred.——The bill in relation to public documents was then considered, and pending discussion the Senate adjourned.

House.

A conference report on the diplomatic appropriation bill was agreed to.——The bill admitting free of duty articles intended for the centennial was passed.——The bill for the improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi was then considered, and after the adoption of an amendment providing for the construction of the Ft. St. Philip canal, was passed.——The House then took a recess until evening, for the consideration of business of the committee on public lands.

Senate.

Saturday, June 6.—The Senate was not in session.

House.

Bills were passed, providing for a commission of engineers on Mississippi levee improvement; for the prepayment of postage on printed matter; to prevent straw bids for carrying mails; and for adjusting salaries of postmasters.——The deficiency bill was discussed, and a conference committee ordered.——Adjourned.

A Bohemian of Old.

The business of running after news is not of recent creation, it is as ancient as the invention of journalism; the old Bohemian was a Frenchman called Renandot.

The most eminent runner after news was named Mathieu Donzelot, otherwise called the "Pavement Sinker." In the morning, before leaving his room, the wide-awake Donzelot consulted the sky, and a barometer which adorned his mansard; then he took his cane and writing case, saying, "Rain. Some will slip today under carriage wheels and be crushed to death." Or else, "Stormy weather. We shall have to record some cases of mental alienation or of hydrophobia." Or finally, "Gloomy, cloudy. Fine weather for spleen. Let us make war on suicides."

There was a riot one day on Pantheon place. Donzelot sat down amid a hail of stones, pen in hand, to note down the events. One of his friends, happening to be present, said, "What are you doing here, sir? Run—fly."

Donzelot, without looking at him, drew his patch, and continued to write down minute for minute the phazes and evolutions of the riot.

"Are you going to run?" cried anew his friend.

"God forbid; but since you are going yourself, oblige me by handing this to my journal; you will tell them that I remain on the spot to send the continuation."

An hour after, the disorder was at its height; the authorities and insurgents had come to blows. The national guard fired, and our Bohemian was struck by a ball. A surgeon hastened to him.

"You are wounded," said he.

"Yes," replied Donzelot, "and severely, too, for I cannot write."

"Write?" abruptly said the surgeon, "think of your wound."

"Don't be in a hurry," replied Donzelot. "Each one to his business; mine is to relate events. You will replace me Here, write at the bottom this postscript:

"Twenty minutes past 3 p. m.—In consequence of the discharge of musketry by the troops, three men were wounded and one killed."?

"Who is the dead-man?" asked the surgeon.

"Myself," replied Donzelot, and he expired.

Dean Ramsey, in his "Reminiscences of Scottish Life and Character," tells the following: The answer of the old woman under examination by the minister the question from the Shorter Catechism, "What are the decrees of God?" could not have been surpassed by the General Assembly of the Kirk, or even the Synod of Dort: "Indeed, sir, he kens that best himself."

Grandma.

She is lying fast asleep,
In her Sunday cap and gown;
Bells are tolling, loud and deep,
In the town.
Sunny field and sunny wood
Are so quiet and so fair,
That the bells seem almost rude,
Echoing there.

Overhead is naught but blue;
All so still that Jem and I,
Wonder it 'tis Sunday, too,
In the sky.
Circled near us, [illegible] and bowed,
Hearing prayer, the neighbors stand,
Jem and I creep through the crowd,
Hand in hand;

And we hear the pastor say,
With raised eyes and earnest face,
"Death, like sunshine, floods our way
With God's grace."
Grandma does not hear, poor wife,
Only lies there with a smile.
Nothing seems to trouble her,
For the while.

Her gray hair is smoothed away
Underneath her cap's starched band,
And she holds a white bouquet
In her hand.
After song and prayer are done,
She is shut from warmth and light,
Carried forth, through shade and sun,
Out of sight.

Jem and I would follow her,
But the pastor tenderly
Lifts us, while the bells yet stir,
To his knee;
Comforts us with words of cheer:
"Little ones, you must not cry,
You can go to her from here
If you try."

And Jem whispers, very low,
As the pastor turns away,
"Did he say that we might go
Any day?
Well—you see the road they took—
Heaven is pretty near, I know;
Get your hat from off the hook,
And we'll go."

EARNING A WIFE BY STRATEGY.

It was both lucky and unlucky when Miss Hetty Hastings had a present of a watch. Her father gave it to her instead of a husband. He had fiercely frowned upon as handsome a fellow as there was in New York, and the way in which he set his face against the love-making between Frank Angus and his own Hetty was most emphatic. It is easy to believe that young Miss Hastings pined. The color left her face, she ate most trifling dinners, and one day her doting father caught her reading "Doctor Doremus on the Action of Deadly Poisons." Mr. Hastings was terrified. He passed one whole day looking at Tiffany's diamonds, Stewart's laces, and great galleries of pictures, but the morning following peremptory business took him to New London. He went by boat, and as here and there along the shores he saw the patches of rich men, owning country seats close by, all at once as if by inspiration, he remembered how his daughter "perfectly adored" a yacht. "I'll do that very thing," said the over-fond father, and stopping for a day at Stonington, he bought his girl a yacht. The next thing was to present it.

The pretty toy was brought to Staten Island, and all the Hastings went upon a picnic.

"Look at this exquisite craft, my child," said the Hastings, pere; "look at her spars, her polished hull, her ropes, and dressed up sailors. Would it not be perfect joy to cruise in that yacht?"

Hetty smiled in a sickly way being engrossed at the time with a poem she was composing for Frank.

"Imagine yourself scudding on the billows," said the cunning parent, with an air of ecstacy, "imagine the foam flying, the ropes a humming! Think of traveling free from time tables, steamboat landings, and a wretched worry about your baggage. When you want to go anywhere, you take your provender, and off you go—when you get enough of it, you come back, and that's all there is of it. I declare, it's royal!"

The family went on board of the pretty "Sea Gull." Hetty thought the thing looked dark, and far from tidy, but she said nothing, and when, next day, her father made a pompous flourish over the bill of sale he gave her, all receipted, of course, like a girl, she was "pleased with a fancy, tickled with a straw."

And Frank Angus?

Of course he had heard the story of the yacht, and of course he was desperate. He clasped his hands together as does Romeo, in the play, and said, "I will not be so baffled. I'm not a scoundrel—I'm not an idiot. If there is any foolish fault about me, for Hetty's sake I'll overcome it; but marry her I will. I think it is something worth my efforts, too." And so Frank went home and tied a wet towel around his head, and sat down to plan.

Four hours later, when it was dismally dark, he wandered out of doors with money in his pocket. He made his way to the Hasting's mansion on Staten Island's northern shore, but all the lights were out. As he was turning away, perfectly disconsolate, he saw a twinkle in the porter's lodge. Now this same Michael that served the Hastings pere, had once been in the Angus mansions as a coschman.—Frank drew him forth, gave him some crisp green money, and a love-note for Miss Hetty. The man laughed. "Insolence!" ejaculated the lover, "you're merely paid to do an errand, so quit your saucy grinning." So the man went upon his mission, and the impatient wooer paced the walks beneath the elm trees. Fifteen minutes after, a graceful, slender girl stole across the garden.

"Why in the world have you come, Frank?" she inquired. "Why run such a risk? I know you love me, but then—my father loves me, too."

"Of course he does," said Frank, "and he's a sensible man for that. But he's made a blunder respecting me; and I'm going to marry you in spite of it. I'm perfectly convinced that you were meant to be my wife, and I was intended for your husband. Reasoning from that stand-point, you perceive that parents and families weigh nothing in the balance. Non-essential elements retire to the rear, and maintain that position until the primal parties are united. I shall never be satisfied until you are my wife; meantime I have dropped in to ask if you are willing to take a pretty boat as balance for me."

Hetty Hastings shuddered in the dark with sheer amazement. Frank felt it, and grew ashamed. The plan he had made at home, head-wrapped in steamed towels, began to look vague and impossible. He felt that something very bold was called for. He took poor Hetty's hand, while she, of course, began to weep, and for ten minutes there was a woful waste of time, until Frank Angus gave his plan to Hetty. She burst away and ran a few yards or so, propelled by filial love and downright horror, while the young man plunged his hands in his pockets and waited for her to speak.

"What a monster of disrespect you are getting to be," said Hetty.

"Exactly as you say," said Frank. "I shall not dispute your verdict, as I always knew you had good sense."

Now sarcasm always wilts a woman, and Hetty felt wretchedly quenched; by slow degrees, however, she came and sat by her lover on the garden bench, and began to talk sensibly.

"It's our only choice, dear girl," said the lover, "we must do this or go our different ways forever. When once we are surely parted, we shall repent our act in dust and ashes. I talk desperately, I dare say, but the crisis is a desperate one. Your father thinks me weak and selfish, and will give me no opportunity to correct the impression he formed at a watering place. I am good for something better than he thinks, and I have settled that you shall be my wife, even if your father, with all due respect as such, finds it imperative to stand aside. What I propose is an adventurous plan, and you'll require nerve as well as I; but, Hetty, if you'll stand your ground and act your part, in less than forty-eight hours you'll be a heroine, and I your accepted lover, with all opposition vanished."

The compact was made, sealed in the usual manner in such cases made and provided, and Hetty sought her room, a schemer and conspirator, while Frank went home a villain of the blackest dye.

The day following, Mr. Angus became reckless with his money, and dispensed it among the Staten Island yachtmen. Hetty was an invalid, surely, her father thought the girl must be very ill, for such fretful languor he had never seen in her. He proposed a cruise with the sailors of the "Sea Gull;" fine yachtmen, so pere Hastings said, and fully to be trusted with her safety. Hetty objected, rebelled and declared she would not go sailing in the Narrows. Her father, compelled to go from home on business, finally over-persuaded her, and midday she went aboard the "Sea Gull," with everything needful for her comfort. The sailing master, his assistant and three sailors made the crew, while Hetty brought her maid, books and crochet work, and there was a delightful air of pleasure throughout the yacht.

The anchor at last was raised, and away they sailed with a splendid wind abaft, and a still but happy party. Two o'clock came, then three, then four o'clock, and all the time the silent passenger sat with a closed book, watching a yacht that idly cruised around the bay. By and by, however, while the maid dozed, and Hetty gaped, a fearful quarrel broke out among the sailors forward. All at once they shrieked, tore and struggled with each other, more like fiends than decent men. The captain shouted, vociferated, and even swore profanely, but they turned the deafest ear. There was plainly a mutiny at sea! The maid Amelia screamed and wrung her hands.

"Rouse yourself," ejaculated Hetty, apparently herself just short of fainting.

"We shall all be murdered," screamed the maid, flying to the hatchway.

"Signal! quick, my brave girl," shouted the captain, precipitating himself among the fighting sailors. Hetty sprang and caught the lower edge of the flag, turned it upside down and held it with a hair pin. In less than no time, the yacht that had been idly cruising on the bay came close to the "Sea Gull's" lee, and four sailors put off in a small boat.

The maid Amelia now fainted entirely away.

"Good!" said Hetty, "what a frightful tale she'll give at home."

The four men leaped on deck; the quarreling sailors were quelled and put in irons, while the captain of the friendly yacht ordered the sailing master of the "Sea Gull" down below, and thither she fainting maid was sent to nurse him. The new commander turned the pleasure boat about and ran her for Staten Island.

"Beautifully done," whispered he to Hetty.

"You looked just exactly like a hero," was the answer.

"Did I?" asked the boy, complacently. "He can't refuse me now," said he, further. "Just think of it; child at sea; mutiny on board; captain overcome; death everywhere; prompt action; brave rescue; deliverer turns out to be an old lover; nothing to be done but shake hands and give up the daughter on the spot."

Not quite, here's sailor! Even while Frank reasoned like a hasty lover, a startling noise, mingled with a seething roar, came to his ears. The sailors shouted and pointed to the boom, and there, close upon them, was the broad end of a white squall. Frank thrust the helm hard down, tightened the sheets, and shut his eyes for one second; the next thing was to grasp Hetty and brace himself for sheer life.

Too late! The tempest caught the yacht as if it were a straw, and sent it through the mist and foam in utter helplessness. Hetty was fairly dragged below, and the companionway closed and fastened, during which waves swept over the deck and drenched the sailors repeatedly. Frank began to feel solemn; there came a furious gust, a cruel blow, the sailors rushed toward him and Frank was overboard.

When he came to himself again, he was in his own room at home; at each head was a doctor, and before him stood poor Hetty, with her poor, frightened, nervous father.

"What's the matter?" asked the sufferer, faintly.

"You're nearly dead," said one doctor.

"Concussion," said the other, grim, slow and solemn.

"A fearful wave hurled you against the rail, cut your head, broke your arm and tossed you overboard," said Mr. Hastings.

Frank turned his head the other way, and five persons immediately flew for camphor.

"I wish to sleep," sighed the sufferer.

Perfidous wretch! He did not wish to sleep; he merely wanted to finish his part of this melodrama.

"Far from safe," whispered Dr. Pillbocks, shaking his head and pouring out a monstrous glass of sherry.

"In a most critical case," said antique Dr. Tanzey.

"Oh, save the boy," begged Hetty Hasting's father, clasping his pudgy little hands and looking at the ceiling.

"S—s—s—sh," said both the learned physicians, whereupon silence fell on all the earth.

An anxious night was that for all concerned, except the dramatis personæ of the story. Pere Hastings walked the floor all night, calling himself a murderer; the two doctors smoked upon the piazza in the moonlight, and considered the patient utterly inscensible. When morning came Mr. Hastings could not leave his room, and hither Hetty went to learn the reason of such irregular conduct.

"Dear father," she exclaimed, on reaching the bedside, "what is the matter?"

"The boy'll die," said the unhappy cause of all this misery, "and I am his cruel killer; but Hetty, child, if it should please the Lord to spare his life, I shall take this awful providence to mind. I shall either sell the "Sea Gull" or trade her for a cottage. I never heard Amelia's story of that dreadful day in the bay until yesterday, and I declare I feel now that that poor boy up stairs is spared for a purpose,"

"Not a doubt of it, dear father," said the trusting listener; whereupon the old gentleman kissed the happy girl, and conversation ceased.

At a later hour that very evening, Frank insisted on sitting up for the first time since the horrible mutiny in New York bay, and paying not the slightest heed to the presence of drowsing Dr. Tansey, he boldly asked pere Hastings for Hetty's little hand.

"Just what I expected all along," said the acquiescent father, to which the miserable invalid answered, "And so did I."

That pretty little cottage, nestled in the cove, that one may see as the day-boat runs through the Killyon-Kull, is named "Sea Gull Nest," the people say it was given to a bride in ex